

**REMARKS**

The claims are rejected in view of U.S. Patent 6,948,090 (KING). Applicant has amended the independent claims to more fully distinguish over KING.

Claim 1 is amended to recite "a reading unit operatively connected to said first holding unit, said reading unit reading a media access control address (MAC address) of a first communication device of the communication devices". Support for the amendment may be found in paragraph [0028], among other places.

KING does not show or suggest the claimed reading unit to read a media access control address from a first holding unit which holds a memory storing thereon device identifiers. Thus, amended claim 1 should be in a condition for allowance. Claims 2-14 are dependent upon claim 1 and therefore should also be in a condition for allowance.

Dependent claim 4 is particularly noteworthy, as it recites a setting unit to set a communication bandwidth. Thus, a bandwidth may be varied in accordance with a setting condition. KING does not show or suggest such a configurable system.

Claim 15 is amended to recite limitations of the type discussed in connection with claim 1. Therefore, claim 15 and its dependent claims 16-17 should also be in a condition for allowance. Claim 18 is canceled, without prejudice, to simplify prosecution issues.

In sum, all pending claims should now be in a condition for allowance. If there are any residual issues that need to be resolved prior to allowing the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

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